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I have for you tonight a special progress report of the letter-writing campaign undertaken by Mr. Eugene Castle, of Castle Films, the various corporations and companies in which he is a stockholder, inquiring as to whether these companies are contributing to the Crusade for Freedom and Free Europe Committee out of the profits which belong to the stockholders and, if so, much much? Mr. Castle has some letters in return to the inquirers that he sent out and perhaps you'd like to hear some of them. You, yourself, may be a stockholder in some of these companies. If so, I'm sure you'll be interested in knowing how the management is spending your money.

From International Business Machine Corporation, IBM, New York City, signed by T. J. Watson, Jr., president, the following: "We have contributed in '56, '57 and already in '58, \$25,000 in support of the work to the Crusade for Freedom. As you may know requests for the support of various causes are thoroughly investigated and considered by our financial people, and their recommendations are subject to approval by the executive and finance committee of the Board of Directors. Since IBM has considerable interests in Europe through the operations of the IBM World Trade Corporation, we have judged it worthwhile to contribute to this organization." Just how the pro-Titoist propaganda operations of Radio Free Europe could benefit the IBM World Trade Corporation seems a little obscure, but let's go on to the next one.

From the Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan, signed by Leland I. Doan, president: "Our company has not contributed to the Crusade for Freedom and does not plan to make a contribution to this campaign this year. Most of the money given by Dow has gone to colleges and universities that are most likely to produce the scientists we need tomorrow and to non-denominational community projects, like hospitals or community centers in our plant communities."

From Columbia Gas System Incorporated, New York City, signed by George S. Young, president: "The Columbia Gas System Incorporated did not contribute to this organization for the years 1956 and '57, and is not at this time planning to contribute to it in 1958. In general, we attempt as far as practicable to confine contributions to those which are not controversial in nature and which benefit the areas in which the Columbia Gas System properties operate or have their offices."

From the Hanover Bank, New York City, signed by R. E. McNeal Jr., president: "The Hanover Bank made contributions to the Crusade for Freedom in 1956 and '57 in the amount of \$5,000 each. We had not contributed prior to 1956 and since we have not been approached by the organization so far in 1958, I am unable to say just what action our board might take in respect to an appeal for this year."

From the Duquesne Light Company, Pittsburgh, signed by Phillip A. Flager, chairman of the board: "The Duquesne Light Company did not make a contribution to the Crusade for Freedom in the years 1956 and '57. We have not been approached to make a contribution this year."

From Socony Mobile Oil Company, Incorporated, New York, signed, Arthur M. Sherwood, secretary: "Socony Mobile, together with certain of its affiliates, contributed \$50,000 to Crusade for Freedom in 1956 and '57. The same amount has been budgeted for '58, but has not yet received final approval by the Board of Directors. We understand that Crusade for Freedom has been doing an effective job working with our administration and other free countries. It has the support of our government pending any change by our government in its attitude toward Crusade for Freedom. We expect to continue contributing to the organization."

From the Allegheny Ludland Steel Corporation, signed by S. A. McCaskey, Jr., secretary: "We contributed \$5,000 in '56 and \$5,000 again in '57 to the Crusade for Freedom to help finance the continuation of the Radio Free Europe broadcast. At the present time I cannot state what position our board will take for the year 1958, particularly since the board at its last meeting reduced the contribution budget upon the recommendation of the contributions committee. From the information we have been able to gather, Radio Free Europe is performing a service which indirectly benefits our corporation and its stockholders, and it is for this reason that we have felt justified in the past few years in lending financial support."

From Union Carbide Corporation, New York, signed by Kenneth H. Hannon: "We have not yet determined what our support will be in 1958. In 1956 and '57 we donated \$50,000 for each year."

The Aluminum Company of America, Pittsburgh, signed by Roy A. Hunt, chairman of the executive committee: "The Alcoa Foundation, which is a charitable foundation started by the Aluminum Company of America, has made contributions of \$5,000 per year to the Crusade for Freedom, both for 1956 and 1957. The question of contribution for this year has not come before the trustees, but undoubtedly will come up for consideration a little later this year."

From Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, signed by Cecil Morgan, executive assistant to the chairman: "The answer to your question is that for each of the years, 1954, '55 and '56, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has contributed \$250,000 for the support of the activities of Radio Free Europe and its associated operations through the Crusade for Freedom."

Finally, one from the Honolulu Oil Company, San Francisco, signed by A. C. Matthey, president: "This will advise you that contributions were made to Crusade for Freedom in 1956 in the amount of \$500 and in 1957 in the amount of \$500. There is some evidence, however, that we should re-examine our policy with respect to this matter for 1958, so I am unable to advise you at this time as to what action, if any, we may take to support the Crusade for Freedom for the continuance of Radio Free Europe broadcasts to Soviet satellite countries." They seem to speak for themselves and when Mr. Castle gets some more I'll pass them on to you.

This is a very special advance notice, ladies and gentlemen, to suggest that you make particular arrangements to be able to listen to this broadcast next week, because I am going to present a chapter of our Radio Free Europe's story which I think should make your hair curl, because it is one of the most fantastic cases that I have ever run into in 35 years of newspaper reporting. I've spent many months and thousands of dollars in digging this story out. I hope you'll noise the word among your friends, also, because you will want not to miss it.